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MANUFACTURING AND
INSTALLATION THEREOF

) **MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

) Group Art Unit: 3635

) Examiner: Basil S Katcheves

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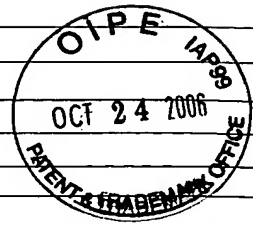
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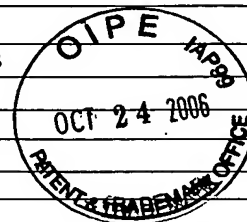
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